



2014 SUMMER

NEWSLETTER

PART I

WHAT IS NEW WITH THE WORLD ACROBATICS SOCIETY?

- ★ The 2014 WAS Congress is in Disney World
- ★ The WAS Congress is September 14 - 16, Sunday, Monday, & Tuesday
- ★ The WAS will induct 13 Legends in 7 acrobatics disciplines
- ★ The WAS banquet will be a sit down dinner in the spectacular 'Topper Room' on the 19th floor
- ★ Richard G. Jewell, JD, and Mike Jacki will be featured speakers
- ★ 'The Climbers', a Chinese pole act, will perform live
- ★ A four hour team reunion & cocktail reception will take place Sunday, September 14 from 6-10PM
- ★ The team members with the most reunion attendees will receive WAS lapel pins
- ★ The WAS Congress registrants will attend a rehearsal of the Cirque du Soleil La Nouba show in Downtown Disney
- ★ The Best Western Lake Buena Vista Hotel is offering a special nine day rate of \$69.00 per night
- ★ The WAS Congress registration fee remains \$95.00
- ★ The annual WAS membership is \$35.00 per year
- ★ The WAS lifetime membership is \$150.00

2014 GOLDEN ACHIEVEMENT AWARD RICHARD G. JEWELL, JD

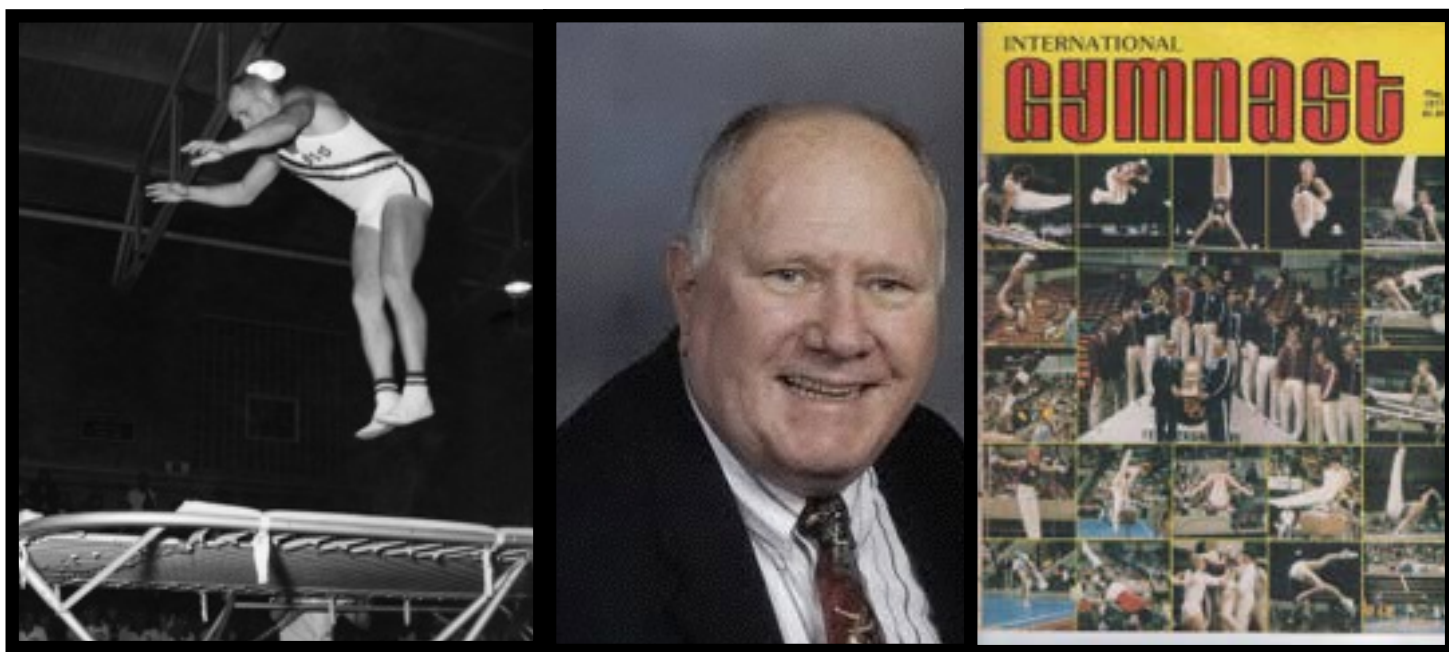


Richard G. Jewell, JD (Golden Achievement) served as President of Grove City College, Grove City, Pennsylvania, from 2003-2014. Prior to his college presidency, Jewell was a Partner/Vice President/Director of Peterson Consulting and its successor by merger, the Navigant Consulting, Inc., the largest forensic accounting firm in the world, from 1991-2003. From 1987-1991, Dick was the Operating Vice President and then President of the Pittsburgh Applied Research Center. Jewell was the Assistant University Counsel of the University of Pittsburgh in 1986-87. From 1976 thru 1986, he was the Attorney General for Harrison-Walker Refractories, a Division of Dresser Industries in Pittsburgh. Dick was a trial attorney for Wayman, Irvin, Trushel, & McAuley of Pittsburgh. Jewell was a 1-Meter Diving Champion at Bethel Park High School and a 1970 6th Army 1-Meter Diving Champion. Dick was a two-time Penn-Ohio Diving Champion while at Grove City College from 1963-67. He served as diving coach at Bower Hill Swim Club in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, and Pioneer High School in Ann Arbor, Michigan.

2014 WAS LEGEND

ROGER L. COUNSIL - LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT

Roger L. Council (Lifetime Achievement) served as the second Executive Director of the United States Gymnastics Federation from 1980-1982. Prior to his tenure as USGF Executive Director, Roger was the men's gymnastics coach at Indiana State University for 17 years. ISU hosted the 1975 Men's National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) Gymnastics Championships. Roger's 1977 collegiate team won the NCAA championship. Council was selected coach for the 1978 World Championships US men's gymnastics team to Strasbourg, France. His athlete, Kurt Thomas won a gold medal on the floor exercise event. Kurt's medal was the first World Championships gold medal achieved in the US men's program. Council was also selected as the men's coach for the 1980 Moscow Olympic Games. Roger's ISU gymnasts earned 12 NCAA titles. As an athlete, Council excelled in track, diving, and trampoline at Southern Illinois University where he was coached by World Acrobatics Society Legend Don Leas. Roger earned his doctorate degree from Indiana University.



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AARON JOHNSON - TRAMPOLINE

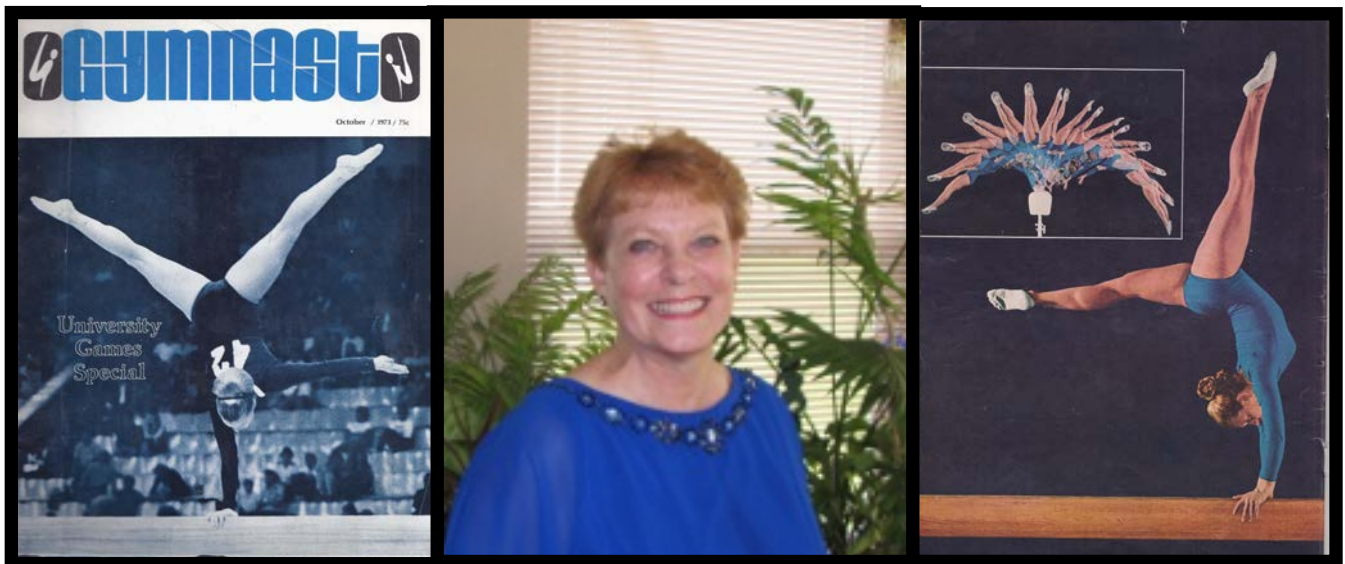


Aaron Johnson (Trampoline & Tumbling) is deceased. Aaron trained with the Nissen Trampoline Company Team in Cedar Rapids, Iowa. He represented Canada at the 1974 World Championships and was the 1975 and the 1976 Canadian National Trampoline Champion. He is the first Canadian to complete a Triffis. He was also known for performing multiple triple “ball out” somersaults and being a high bouncer. His career was cut short in 1976 due to a serious injury. Johnson coached the Shasta Trampoline Team in New Westminister, British Columbia, that led him to earning the position as the Canadian Trampoline Coaching Chairman 1979 to 1990. Aaron developed a safety manual for

Canada that would be used worldwide. The Trampoline Technical Manual was used with the National Coaching Certification Program in Canada. Johnson coached athletes amassing 18 World Championship medals for Canada. In 1999 Aaron was recruited by the Cirque du Soleil and worked at the Treasure Island Mystere Show in Las Vegas. After leaving Cirque, Aaron joined his son Travis to create the Vancouver Circus School in 2004. Johnson served as an International Trampoline Technical Committee member from 1990 until 1998.

2014 WAS LEGEND TERRY SPENCER CORCORAN - ARTISTIC GYMNASTICS

Terry Spencer Corcoran (Artistic Gymnastics) was a member of the US Gold Medal Pan American Games team to Cali, Columbia. She was also a member of two US World University teams to Torino, Italy, in 1970, finishing 13th in the all-around, the highest American finish, and in 1973 to Moscow, Russia, where she finished 4th in floor exercise, again the highest American result. Terry finished 7th in the 1968 Olympic Games Trials and made the Olympic squad. Spencer hoped to make the Olympic team in 1972; however, she broke her back performing a sole circle double back dismount from the uneven bars training for the Olympic Trials and finished a disappointing 13th all-around because she had not fully recovered from the serious back injury. Terry was a four time All-American at Southern Illinois University when SIU won the 1970 National Collegiate Championship. Terry operated Terry Spencer's World of Gymnastics in Indianapolis for 20 years.



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WILLIE EDELSTON - ACROBATIC GYMNASTICS



Willie Edelston (Acrobatic Gymnastics) attended high school at Olney High School of Philadelphia and was a gymnastic member of the Germantown YMCA from 1939-1941. Willie and his partner Paul Faracchio formed a professional hand balancing team called the Etons. The Japanese bombed Pearl Harbor on December 7 of 1941 and that changed Willie's direction. He enlisted in the Air Force. After his discharge from the service,

Willie became a leaper (Flyer) with the Chapman Brothers. Willie was hired by Ringling Bros. Barnum and Bailey Circus in 1948 & 49. Willie then joined the Flying Hartzell's in an act also featuring his wife Anie. Willie retired from circus work and became a mail carrier in Sarasota so that Anie and he could raise their sons in a non-circus environment. Willie, at age 90, continues to coach and teach students of the Sailor Circus in Sarasota.

